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DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to a reply brief filed on December 10th, 2001.

Response to Arguments

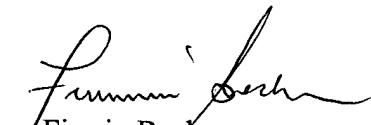
1. Applicant's reply brief concerning the examiner's answer filed December 10th, 2001 have been fully considered and noted.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is 703-305-0624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sheikh Ayaz can be reached on 703-305-9648. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7239 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

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